[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The articles regarding which enquiries have been received are tapioca, tapioca flour, lime fruit, timbers and cashew-nut oil.

(*b*) The Department of Industries is in touch with the Imperial Institute and the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence in the matter of finding suitable markets for Travancore raw products. The results of the enquiries which are likely to interest Travancoreans are published in the *Travancore Economic Journal* and also forwarded to those who have made enquiries about them.

*Reports on Industrial Products.*

220. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) Have any reports regarding the industrial products of the State been compiled and published by the Department of Industries?

(*b*) If so, where are these reports available?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Twenty bulletins on industrial products and a report on the industrial survey of the State have been published. The bulletins can be obtained from the Director of Industries. The *Industrial Survey Report* is sold by the Superintendent, Government Press.

*Disposal of Timber Stock.*

221. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the increase in forest revenue in 1097 under timber, etc., was not due chiefly to the disposal of stock held over during previous years;

(*b*) whether the balance in stock at the end of 1097 has any bearing on the above;

(*c*) whether the Conservator of Forests has taken any steps to reduce the balance of stock accumulating at the end of each year;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the wholesale disposal of timber at nominal prices is the only way now adopted to get over the difficulty; and

(*e*) whether the Conservator of Forests has suggested any scheme to regulate the yearly output so as to reduce the surplus stock and to meet urgent requirements, both sylvicultural and financial?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The increase in revenue in 1097 was due not only to the larger disposal of the stock held over during the previous years, but also to the larger removal of royalties by consumers and purchasers and the sale of a large quantity of sleepers to the South Indian Railway Company.

(*b*) Not much.

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) No. The disposal of timber and the price to be realised therefor depend always on the condition of the timber market and on the quality of the timber.

(*e*) Yes. The member is referred to the portion of the proceedings of the last budget session of the Council relating to the voting of grants for the Forest Department.

*Funds for Roads in Shertallai.*

222. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state what portion of the budgeted amount for this year has been spent till the 15th Dhanu, 1099, on (1) the Shertallai town roads, and (2) the Shertallai-Tannirmukkam road?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Rs. 1,000.

(2) Rs. 718, excluding Rs. 1,500, being the value of iron materials received for the bridge work.

*Trained Teachers in the Shertallai English High School.*

223. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): (*a*) How many trained graduates are there in the departmental English High School at Shertallai?

(*b*) How many trained graduates are there in each of the other departmental English High Schools of the State?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any special reason for not making an equal distribution of trained graduates among the various departmental English High Schools?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Excluding the Headmaster, there are two trained graduates.

(*b*) A statement* giving the information asked for is laid on the table.

(*c*) The number of trained graduates in any school cannot be a matter of mere ratio, since the nature of the optional subjects, the number of pupils going in for each of the optionals, the total strength, etc., have to be taken into consideration in the matter of distribution of the staff. Government will, however, instruct the Director of Public Instruction to add, as soon as possible, to the number of trained graduate teachers in the schools in which they are at present poorly represented.

*Opening of Periyar Dam Sluices.*

224. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad cum Parur*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the opening of the sluices of the Periyar Dam during the north-east monsoon this year caused a good deal of damage to crops and vegetation in the lower reaches of the Periyar?

(*b*) Will the Government take effective steps to prevent the sudden rise of water in the lower reaches of the Periyar on account of the opening of the Periyar Dam sluices?

* *Vide* appendix—page 847.

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